NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
October 7, 2026

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at 6:04 p.m. at the Newberry County Council Chambers at 1309 College Street, Newberry, SC, for a regular scheduled meeting.

Notice of the meeting was duly advertised, as required by law.

PRESENT: Karl Sease, Chairman
Travis Reeder, Vice-Chairman
Leon Fulmer, Council Member
Todd Johnson, Council Member
Johnny Mack Scurry, Council Member
Robert Shealy, Councilman
Stuart Smith, Council Member
Ted Luckadoo, County Administrator
Joanie Winters, County Attorney
Karen Brehmer, Deputy County Administrator
Major Ben Chapman, NCSO
Debbie Cromer, Finance Director
Rick Farmer, Economic Development Director
Sheriff Lee Foster, NCSO
Eric Nieto, IT Director
Josh Rowe, Public Works Director
Karen Lindler Smith, Treasurer
Crystal Waldrop, Purchasing Director
Andrew Wigger, Clerk to Council/PIO

1. Call to order: Karl Sease, Acting Chairman.

    - Mr. Sease called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Karl Sease, Acting Chairman.

    - Mr. Sease led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Election of the Chairman for the remainder of 2026 – Joanie Winters, County Attorney.

    - Ms. Winters called for nominations:
        - Mr. Shealy nominated Mr. Sease to serve as Chairman, Mr. Johnson provided the second.
        - Mr. Reeder asked nominations to come to a close.
        - Mr. Sease was named Chairman for the remainder of the 2026 calendar year by a 7-0 vote.

4. Election of the Vice-Chairman for the remainder of 2026 – Joanie Winters, County Attorney.

    - Ms. Winters called for nominations:
        - Mr. Sease nominated Mr. Reeder; Mr. Scurry provided the second.
        - Mr. Scurry asked nominations to come to a close.
        - Mr. Reeder was named Vice-Chairman for the remainder of the 2026 calendar year by a 7-0. Vote.

5. Adoption of Minutes:
    a. Newberry County Council Work Session Minutes – September 16, 2026.
    b. Newberry County Council Minutes – September 16, 2026.

    - Mr. Reeder made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Mr. Scurry provided the second and the motion carried 7-0.

6. Approval of Agenda.

    - Mr. Shealy made a motion to accept the agenda as presented; Mr. Reeder provided the second and the motion carried 7-0.

7. Proclamations/Resolutions:

    a. Proclamation Hope School Day.

- Mr. Shealy made a motion to accept the Proclamation; Mr. Reeder provided the second and the motion carried 7-0.
- Ms. Tenetha Hall, Mr. Jay Hope, and Ms. Elsa Hope accepted a copy of the Proclamation.

8. Administrator's Report:
    a. Project Updates.

- Mr. Luckadoo said the kickoff meeting took place for the amphitheater project to discuss timelines and other pertinent information. A pre-construction meeting for Mid-Carolina Commerce Park Phase 3B will also be coming up.
- Projects out for bid include the Whitmire sidewalk project and the fire service master plan study.
- SCAC is taking applicants in Newberry County for a high school senior planning to attend a two or four-year college or university in state for a $5,000 scholarship. This year Newberry County is one of 13 counties being offered the scholarship.
- Mr. Luckadoo thanked the City of Newberry for hosting a wonderful Oktoberfest.
- Mr. Luckadoo recognized Komatsu, which is celebrating their 25th anniversary, for a donation they made back to Newberry County of a restored loader/backhoe. This was gifted back to the county during their 25th anniversary celebration.

9. Chairman's Comments.

- Mr. Sease thanked Komatsu for their donation back to the county. He also thanked those from Hope School for coming out and keeping history alive in Newberry County.

10. Public Comments Regarding Items on the Agenda (three minutes).

- None.

11. Old Business:

- None.

12. New Business:
    a. Approval of a proposal for Public Safety & Emergency Services Software (RFP 2026-14).

- Mr. Johnson made a motion to accept the highest ranked firm, Cadmus; Mr. Shealy provided the second and the motion carried 7-0.
- Mr. Fulmer reiterated that the whole reason they are doing this was because the current service was no longer covered, and the cost of this has been provided thanks to money from the State thanks to Senator Ronnie Cromer.

    b. Approval of a bid for Community Hall Interior Repairs (RFP 2026-17).

- Mr. Shealy made a motion to accept the bid from W.E. Baker and Sons (base bid and alternate one in the total amount of $75,750); Mr. Reeder provided the second and the motion carried 7-0.

13. County Council may take action on matters discussed during executive session during the 5 p.m. meeting.

- No action was taken.

14. Appointments:

- No appointments.

15. Adjournment.

- Mr. Shealy made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Johnson provided the second and the motion carried 7-0.
- Newberry county Council adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

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Karl Sease, Chairman

Andrew Wigger, Clerk to Council

Minutes Approved: 10-21-2026